

REMARKS

In the final action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-15, 18-23. The Examiner indicated that claims 28-35 were allowed. By this amendment, the applicants have cancelled the rejected claims, leaving only the allowed claims. The case should be allowed and passed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted.

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